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A PLEA FOR JUSTICE

Editor Williams News.

The statehood acts introduced in the present congress by our delegate, Hon. M. A. Smith, and by Senator Foraker, alike provide for a donation of land to protect Pima county from bonds issued for railroad construction, which were declared void by the United States supreme court, but were subsequently validated by act of congress.

The railroad bond indebtedness of Yavapai and Coconino counties is in precisely the same situation as that of Pima county. The provision in behalf of Pima county is probably copied from an older bill prepared before the Pima county bonds were funded, and is now inapplicable for the reason that those bonds are now funded and assumed by the territory; and because another clause in the bills mentioned provides for a grant of land to the territory to provide a fund for the payment of the bonded indebtedness of the several counties assumed by the territory, under the funding act. The counties of Pima, Yavapai and Coconino have, however, paid large sums in interest upon the bonds in question; and as the necessity for making those payments was imposed upon the counties in question, solely by reason of the action of congress, it is but equitable that the enabling act should contain some provision for reimbursing those counties for such payments. I am calling the attention of the people of Yavapai and Pima counties to the matter in the belief that united action upon the part of the citizens of the three counties interested may be taken which will result in substantial benefit.

Coconino county should be entitled to further relief, in view of the fact that the majority of the lands within its boundaries, having been embraced within forest reserves and game preserves, are withdrawn from taxation, thus throwing the entire burden of maintaining county government, so far as real property is concerned, upon towns and the small remaining area, most of which is comparatively worthless. Probably no other county in the country has been so injured in this respect. I believe it is the intention of congress to admit this territory under exceptionally liberal terms. Prompt action of some sort is of great importance. Doubtless if we call attention to the matter, forwarding full data, the present legislature will pass a memorial urging upon congress some form of suitable relief.

EDWARD M. DOE.

A SPLENDID INSTITUTION

The reading room has been well patronized every evening during this, the first week of its existence. The younger boys' club met Monday night and organized. Their attention was called to the magazines and books for boys of their age. An interesting story of an Arizona Indian chief was read to them from the St. Nicholas Magazine. The older boys had their club meeting Thursday evening and elected their officers. James Whitcomb Riley was the subject of the evening and a number of his humorous poems were read. The boys decided to begin the gymnasium work next week. They also decided to give a party to their girl friends at a near date. More than anything else it is desired that the fathers of the boys should come with the boys. It will encourage the boys to come and greatly aid those who are in charge of the rooms.

On account of the fact that all of the books and papers are not yet in the reading room, the membership cards for the first month have been issued as good to February 1st. A number of the daily papers have begun sending free copies to the reading room. Their encouragement is greatly appreciated. A complete file of the daily papers of the territory and the coast cannot fail to be a strong attraction.

THE ARIZONA LEGISLATURE

As predicted in last week's NEWS, George Hunt of Gila was elected president of the territorial council, and Sam Webb of Maricopa speaker of the assembly. In the contest for the latter office, the vote in caucus stood 8 for Sutter of Cochise to 9 for Webb.

Breen of Coconino was the republican choice for president of the council, receiving the vote of Day, of Apache, the only other republican member in the upper house, and also that of his successful opponent. Mr. Breen returned the compliment by casting his ballot for Mr. Hunt, the vote standing Hunt 10, Breen 2.

Bray of Yavapai was the caucus nominee of the republicans for speaker of the house, but as there are but 7 of that political faith in the assembly to 17 democrats, Mr. Bray's defeat was a foregone conclusion. The house officials are: Chief clerk, Ben R. Clark of Graham; assistant chief clerk, J. C. Callahan of Cochise; enrolling and engrossing clerk, C. M. Zander of Maricopa.

The appointive offices of the council are: Chief clerk, J. H. Robinson of Yavapai; assistant chief clerk, Mulford Winsor of Yuma; enrolling and engrossing clerk, Thomas Peyton of Pinal.

The first bill introduced in the legislature was by Weedon of Pinal. Council bill No. 1 amends the eight hour law as applied to mines, extending its provisions to surface men. Council bill No. 2 creates the office of mine inspector and fully determines his duties. One qualification is a practical and theoretical knowledge of mining; his power is absolute over the mine; he may stop work in a mine or any part of a mine that he believes to be unsafe and a disregard of his orders is made a misdemeanor. He must visit every mine in the territory at least once a year. Compensation is to be \$2500 a year and he is allowed mileage at the rate of 6 cents a mile. The third bill introduced in the council, also by Weedon relates to irrigation districts. Under this law a district could bond itself or the land to have water service, to build canals and dams. When the system was paid for it would belong to the land under it. The scheme is co-operative entirely and any one who did not wish to have his land brought under the district supervision and bear the burden of construction, could give notice to the board of supervisors.

Council bill No. 4 was introduced by President Hunt. It provides for party nominations. In a general way it gives the territory control over the nominations for county and city offices as well as the nomination for delegate to congress. The initiative is with the secretary of the territory, who at least sixty days before the second Tuesday in September, the day fixed for the primaries, shall notify clerks of boards of supervisors, designating the offices to be filled. Then follows a publication of ten days and the work of getting names on the ballots is begun, the ballots of all parties to be alike except as to heading.

Deputy Sheriff Pulliam was in the city Tuesday trying to locate a robber, who had broken into the jewelry store at Flagstaff and stolen a revolver. A hobo is supposed to have been the guilty party. There are more tough characters now beating their way over the railroad than for several years, and the officers along the line are constantly reminded of their presence by petty robberies reported.

Card of Thanks

I wish to thank the Fraternal Order of Eagles, also the Ladies' Aid Society and many friends who so kindly assisted me in the burial of little Allen Hurd.

MRS. H. A. WAKEFIELD.

WILLIAMS-JEROME RAILROAD

Parties coming in from the Dragoon Fork country report surveying parties from Jerome working in a very secretive and mysterious manner northward. It is understood, in a round about way, however, that these surveyors represent Senator Clark's northward projected railroad. These surveying parties are westward from Oak creek some 10 or 15 miles, on the Dragoon fork of the Verde river, and some 25 or 30 miles south of Williams. They are working northward and in the direction and with the apparent intention of striking Davenport, a Santa Fe siding between Williams and Chalender. It is understood the Santa Fe has already made a survey for a right of way south from Davenport to Jerome, looking for a route to go down the rim from off the mountain, and found a very favorable route the entire distance.

The Clark surveyors have been quietly at work within the past few weeks, and it looks as though, after all, Williams is to again out-railroad Flagstaff in the way of outlet and inlet transportation facilities, and turn the same trick on that burg that it did when Williams secured the Canyon road.

From inside sources it is almost positively learned by THE NEWS reporter, after receiving the above information, and an investigation of the whole situation was made, that Williams is to get the Jerome road, which is to be built to Davenport and thence run their trains over the Santa Fe track to Williams, making close connections with the Canyon road.

It is reasonably certain material will be shipped in and building commenced when spring opens, or, at the latest, during the summer.

Mr. A. T. Cornish is no longer connected with the Grand Canyon hotel in Williams, having turned it over to C. E. Boyce last Saturday, who intends to keep the hotel running, with John Casad as manager.

A COZY HOME

The new home of Martin Buggeln is rapidly nearing completion. It is a splendid addition to our residence district. One enters an inviting reception hall with a cheerful fireplace at one end. On the right is the billiard room and on the left a large parlor with the spacious windows commanding a pleasing view of the Sitgreave mountains. The attractive wood work of the dining room is a surprise to many in showing what can be accomplished with native pine. Carefully selected pieces of the native wood show the fine points of graining and coloring usually found only in Flemish oak. The exposed rafters in the reception room carry out the general effect of the home. The electrical fixtures are all beautiful and artistic. The house is heated by the hot water system and has every convenience of the city home, all in a very compact form.

Williams is to be congratulated upon having such a citizen as Mr. Buggeln. We need more men who are public spirited and believe in the future of the town. We need more homes and we need men who wish to make their homes as comfortable and inviting as their means will allow. We have had too many citizens who have made their money here in this town or on this range and have then gone to Phoenix, Los Angeles and larger places to build their homes and educate their children. We have all the rented property the town requires. We need more homes. Every man who builds a good home for his family adds to the good of the community as well as to his own comfort.